

COMMISSION PLANS AGREEMENT ON GAS BY CONFERENCES

Counsel for Companies and City's Experts Unite to End Long Hearings.

In response to an invitation sent out yesterday by William A. Pendergast, Chairman of the Public Service Commission, William A. Ransom, chief counsel to the gas companies, and all associate counsel and Corporation Counsel O'Brien and his deputies in gas litigation met to-day at the office of the Commission to consider a project to abandon the long-drawn-out hearings on gas rates and try to reach an agreement by conference.

Judge Ransom accepted the plan for the gas companies. The Corporation Counsel said he would not bind himself at this time, but would attend a preliminary conference in order to find out how the gas companies are willing to go. He said he would demand that the gas companies allow the city to examine their plants and books.

A conference will be held Monday between the five members of the Public Service Commission and counsel for the gas companies and the city. According to the understanding, the city will participate with full power to represent the gas consumers. Chairman Pendergast said he hoped that this meeting would pave the way for action on the proposed adoption of the B. T. U. system and also to an agreement upon a fair rate.

HOLD-UP SUSPECT TO GO TO PRISON

Flanagan, Though Not Identified in Seventh Avenue Robbery, Will Lose Freedom.

Witnesses to the \$25,000 hold-up of a messenger of the Greenwich Bank at 19th Street and Seventh Avenue yesterday failed to-day to identify Frank Flanagan of No. 212 East 48th Street as one of the thieves. Flanagan was arrested early this morning on suspicion.

Machado, Marco, the ex-convict chauffeur of the truck which was held up, was taken to Jefferson Market Police Court, a prisoner, in company with William Russell, the Negro messenger who was robbed and Clarence Brown the Negro messenger who was with him. The latter two were held as material witnesses. Marco was held without bail.

Flanagan will be sent back to Sing Sing to serve the remainder of a sentence which was shortened some time since by a parole. Father Lynch of the Catholic Protective Association which looks after paroled convicts sent word to Headquarters that Flanagan will be better off in prison than at liberty.

GREAT-GRANDFATHER OF 67 CHILDREN DIES

HAVERHILL, Mass., Feb. 21.—Ambrose Gilbert, eighty-eight years old, father of 21 children, grandfather of 67 and great-grandfather of 67, died yesterday at his home here.

He was born in Richmond, Quebec, but had lived here for 31 years. He was married twice.

MISS McNALLY'S RENOMINATION SHOWN BY CALENDAR

Elizabeth H. McNally has been renominated by the Board of Superintendents for the position of Director of Speech Improvement, the calendar of Thursday's Board of Education meeting reveals. This action was announced in The Evening World last Friday after the investigation conducted by the school officials on charges brought against Miss McNally by M. Samuel Stern, a member of the Board of Education. Mr. Stern is understood to have withdrawn his objections to Miss McNally's election, which is to be taken up Thursday.

JERSEY LIVESTOCK FALLS OFF GREATLY

Cows Made Only Gain, but Their Price Drops \$43 Per Head.

TRENTON, Feb. 21.—The total value of livestock on New Jersey farms is decreasing, the State Department of Agriculture reports to-day. In 1920 the price per head for horses was \$183, in 1921 \$133. The total value of horses in New Jersey in 1920 was \$11,169,000, for 73,000 head. With the 72,000 horses now on the farms of the State the total value is only \$9,576,000.

FLORIDA WIRE TAPPERS CAPTURED IN MOBILE

Said to Have \$14,000 in Cash and Bonds in Possession.

Burns detectives and local police, in a raid at Mobile, Ala., to-day captured seven of the alleged wire tappers who have been operating in Florida, according to a telegram received here to-day by Sherman Burns, chief of the agency.

The message said the alleged wire tappers had in their possession \$14,000 in cash and Liberty bonds, believed to have been taken from victims.

ISAAC TOWNSEND DIES IN FRANCE

NEW LONDON, Feb. 21.—Word was received here to-day by Mrs. Charles Sackett, of Pequot colony, of the death of her brother, Isaac Townsend, in Nice, France. Townsend was well known in New York City. He resided here in the summer and lived at the Union Club, New York, in winter.

U. S. DEATH RATE DROPS SINCE 1910

Decrease in Infant Mortality Most Marked, Census Figures Show.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The death rate in the United States decreased to 1,306 per 100,000 population in 1920 from 1,496 per 100,000 in 1910, according to figures announced to-day by the Census Bureau.

N. Y. STATE CHAMBER URGES PORT AUTHORITY

Petitions Senate for Approval of Plan, Quoting Court Decision.

In a communication to the Senate, the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York urges the necessity of approving the Port of New York Authority plan, so that the "Port of New York may go forward to its rightful destiny as the greatest and most important port in the world."

Attention is called to the decision of Justice Delehanty, upholding the legality of the compact between the States of New York and New Jersey. The communication also quotes the speech of former Gov. Smith at the Albany hearing and the opinion of Justice Henry Cohen, counsel for the Port Authority. Gov. Miller's message to the Legislature, calling for action, also is quoted.

LIEUTENANTS PLAN "SURPRISE" AT DINNER

1,000 Guests to Attend Police Association Banquet at Waldorf.

Sixteen hundred guests will attend the sixteenth annual banquet of the Police Lieutenants' Beneficial Association at 6.30 P. M. to-morrow in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria, according to announcement made to-day by Acting Captain of Police John H. Ayers, President of the association, who will preside as toastmaster.

SIR WILFRED BARROW COLLAPSES ON LINER

Capt. Sir Wilfred Barrow, Bart. of Ulverston, Lancashire, England, was unable to leave the Cedric on her arrival to-day with the other passengers. He collapsed on the deck as the ship was coming up the bay. Sir Wilfred served with Royal Fusiliers of London during the war losing his left arm, and suffering other injuries which left him in a chronically nervous condition which became acute during the voyage.

SALESMAN DROPS DEAD IN ELEVATOR

Dennis Murphy, salesman for the Atlantic Hotel Supply Co., of No. 671 Hudson Street, collapsed and died to-day in an elevator in the building at No. 20 East 42d Street. His death was reported to be due to natural causes. Mr. Murphy, who was fifty-five years old, lived at No. 59 Gansevoort Street.

PRISON FOR CAPTAIN, THIRCE DECORATED

Money He Took Given to Girl, Says Ex-Captain.

William A. Reeves, former cashier of the 25 Broadway Company, agents for the Cunard Steamship Company Building, convicted of grand larceny in the theft of \$4,376 by padding the payroll, was to-day sentenced by Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions to serve from two and a half to ten years in Sing Sing.

BOY GETS LARGE ESTATE

Through a decision of Surrogate Cohalan, Vallmer Gilbert, seventeen, of San Francisco, Cal., is entitled to one-third of the large estate of Miss Jane Moncrief, member of an old New York family who died in 1898. The decision also gives him \$60,000 from an aunt and the estate of his mother. Surrogate Cohalan decided that Mrs. Agnes A. Gilbert, the boy's mother, was the legitimate daughter of Mrs. Amelia Rosa More Ga. Nun, which was the point at issue.

SALUTED BY GOBS, NEEDED A DOCTOR

Playful Jack Tar Said to Have Good Naturedly Beaten Up Citizen.

Charles Blunt, twenty-six years old, of No. 33 East 100th Street, told the ambulance surgeon who patched him up early to-day that he is most emphatically in favor of a reduction of the naval forces.

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one said:
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The sailors described themselves as Alfred Louis, twenty-four, and Stanley Gurnsey, twenty-two, of the U. S. S. Sagamore. They were locked up in the West 100th Street Station on a charge of assault. The police said there was no use in charging them with violation of Mr. Volstead's law as the evidence had disappeared.

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